

Minutes of... Children's Network Policy Council

Details

Date: December 9, 2009

Time: noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino.

Attendees

- Rick Arden, Probation - Juvenile
 - Mary Ashley, District Attorney – Juvenile
 - Regina Coleman, County Counsel
 - Amy Cousineau, Children's Network
 - Ron Griffin, Preschool Services Department
 - Linda Haugan, Human Services Administration
 - Margaret Hill, SB County Superintendent of Schools
 - Kara Hunter, CASA of SB County
 - Richard Louis, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Crystal Miller, Children's Network
 - Patricia Nickols, Community Action Partnership of SB County
 - Rod O'Handley, SB County, Program Development Division
 - Chairman Ovitt, 4th District Board of Supervisors
 - Mike Schertell, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Robin Sherman-Young, Family Courts
 - Honorable Marsha Slough, Juvenile Presiding Judge
 - Rebecca Stafford, Children's Fund
 - Steve Couchot, Transitional Assistance Department Administration
 - Sue Taylor, Children's Network
 - Wayne Thies, CAO's Office
 - Kathy Turnbull, Children's Network
 - Kathy Watkins, Human Services Administration
 - Greg Zerovnik, SB County Library Administration
 - Joyce Jones, Children and Family Services
 - Tammy Williams, Children's Network
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Welcome and Introductions:

Judge Slough welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Kara Hunter asked that one correction be made on page 3 – her correct telephone number is (909) 881-6760. **A motion was made to approve the agenda by Linda Haugan and seconded by Margaret Hill. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected by Linda Haugan and seconded by Margaret Hill.**

**CAPIT/PSSF
Annual Report:**

Amy announced that DeAnna Avey-Motikeit was not able to make the presentation today. Representing CFS is Joyce Jones and Rod O’Handley.

- CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention Intervention Treatment) contracts are funded by State money.
 - PSSF (Promoting Safe Stable Families) contracts are funded by Federal money.
 - Per County policy the reports are presented to the Policy Council for review and recommendations to the BOS (Board of Supervisors). The final step is for the reports are to be submitted to the State as requested.
 - **A motion was made by Chairman Ovitt to accept the CAPIT/PSSF report as presented.**
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**County of SB
Children’s
Trust Fund
Report:**

The State now requires a specific report be submitted publicly posted regarding County Children’s Trust Fund.

- Included in the agenda packet is a form showing how the funding was allocated for ’08 and ’09 expenditures.
 - Kathy Watkins asked for clarification on what the purchases were made by Children’s Network through the Children’s Trust Fund. **Response: The Noodle Soup materials are child abuse prevention. The other expense for Mirtha Melillo was for printing of child abuse prevention materials.**
 - Question about why there was a difference in the expenditures received and what was spent. **Response: Rod O’Handley will investigate further about the expenditures not matching the allocation, which was received.**
 - **A motion was made by Chairman Ovitt and seconded to Accept the County of San Bernardino Children’s Trust Fund report as presented.**
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**Request to
Sponsor Parent
Leadership
Conference on
February 26,
2010:**

- Amy asked the committee to review the request for funding from Parents Anonymous out of Claremont for sponsorship of the Parents Leadership Conference on February 26, 2010 for \$1,000 by Children’s Network.
 - It was mentioned that for better success rates it is very important to engage the parents whether in the Child Welfare system or through the Probation Department.
 - **A motion was made by Patricia Nickols and seconded by Kathy Watkins to sponsor the Parent Leadership Conference on February 26, 2010 for the amount of \$1,000 from Children’s Network.**
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**Children's
Network
report:**

- Partnership with 2-1-1, First 5 San Bernardino, Children and Family Services, and Children's Network to place billboards throughout San Bernardino listing information on Child Abuse Reporting through 2-1-1.
 - The 800 number is still operational for the Child Abuse Hotline, and the other option is dialing 2-1-1.
 - The CASE (Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation) project is moving forward. There will be a Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, 2010. A flyer for review was placed in everyone's agenda packet.
 - The speakers for the CASE event will be Chairman, Gary Ovitt, District Attorney, Mike Ramos, and survivor, Maria Suarez.
 - Sue Taylor will be retiring in December and was thanked for all her hard work over the years in Children's Fund and Children's Network. You are all invited to attend her farewell party on December 21st.
 - Amy introduced Crystal Miller who went through the competitive process and was selected as Sue's replacement (Community and Events Coordinator).
 - Mike Schertell announced that there may be a substantial amount of dollars (\$800,000 allotted annually over 3 years for CASE if the MHSA (Mental Health Substance Abuse) Innovation plan is approved by the State, and he expects it will be.
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**Children's
Fund report:**

- They are very happy as they have raised more money for Christmas gifts this year, then any year in the past history.
 - They are also distributing coats, hats, and gloves in the high desert and mountains for up to 500 children.
 - Children's Fund is assisting with the City of Colton in helping 40 families that have been impacted by layoffs at the Colton Cement Company.
 - Rebecca mentioned they are very grateful for their West End Auxiliary and the Bonnes Meres groups that raise money on a yearly basis for at-risk children, Children's Fund serves. They were presented a \$105,000 check by the West End Auxiliary and up to \$65,000 by the Bonnes Meres group.
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**Other
Announcement:**

- Margaret Hill invited everyone to come to San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Open House on December 16th.
 - Kathy Watkins announced the legislation AB 167 carried by Assemblyman Anthony Adams was passed and signed by the Governor.
 - Kara Hunter from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) shared 2010 calendars that were made by CASA volunteers and kids.
 - Rick Arden mentioned there will be a Drug Court Graduation by youth whom were able to accomplish so much and is a very touching experience to see.
 - Kathy Turnbull announced that through Children's Network SART (Screening Assessment Referral Treatment) project there will be some training on February 10, 2010 at the BHRC (Behavioral Health Resource Center) in Rialto by Dr. Harvey Karp who is the author of the Happiest Baby on the Block. Thirty seats are being held for mothers to bring their babies.
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**Public
Comment:**

None

Next Meeting:

January 27, 2010 at noon, at the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 5th Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino.